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Office Action Summary**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

Marcus Charles

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the amendment filed 12-09-2005, which has been entered.

Claims 1-5 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Swanson et al. (5,269,726). Swanson et al. discloses the claimed invention including a controller function such that when the speed ratio increases the fluid pressure to the primary pulley is set to maintain the clamping of the belt and the fluid pressure for to the secondary line is set equal or higher than the second line pressure required to maintain the torque.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swanson et al. in view of Reuschel et al. (6,464,603). Swanson et al. fails to disclose each one of

the primary pulley, the secondary pulleys and the pump has a regulating valve.

Reuschel et al. discloses a CVT wherein each of the primary pulley, secondary pulley and the pump includes a regulating valve in order to effectively control the transmission ratio under changing or different operating conditions (such as response time, setting target value in the line pressure and the desired clamping force). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device of Swanson et al. so as to include a regulating valve for each of the primary pulley, the secondary pulley and the pump in view of Reuschel et al. in order to effectively control the transmission ratio under changing or different operating conditions (such as response time, setting target value in the line pressure and the desired clamping force).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-3 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 12-09-2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant contended that the prior art fails to teach or suggest increasing the pressure in the secondary pulley by a corrected amount to obtain a target speed change. It should be noted that Swanson et al. clearly disclose the clamping force of the second pulley is control by the line pressure in the secondary pulley, wherein the effective radius of the sheaves increases. The line pressure in the secondary pulley affects the torque and the ratio limit transmission. The line pressure is control by the ECU and it is well known in the art that the target speed change is

controlled by the ECU based on the based on the pressure in the secondary line.

Therefore, the secondary line pressure is set to attain the target speed change speed. It should also be noted that the fluid pressure to the secondary pulley to provide the clamping force to prevent belt slip affects all the parameters of the transmission, such as the torque converter, the torque capacity, the limit ratio, the valves/solenoid operation and the speed to be obtained. Reuschel et al. discloses the control parameters, which are determined by the ratio control pressure, includes engine rpm rate, engine torque, transmission mission ratio and engine torque. Finally, Reuschel et al. teaches that ratio-controlling pressure is regulated such that control parameters are adjusted depending on the amount of the ratio controlling pressure. Therefore, it can be concluded that the target speed change speed is dependent of the fluid pressure in the second pulley. Therefore, for reasons given above, the rejection is deemed proper.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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